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their chair when I raised my voice because it shocked them awake and they couldn't get their equilibrium back right away. But I'm a member of the Judiciary Committee, of the Business and Labor Committee, and of the Agriculture Committee. I am the only person whom I trust with this kind of power. But in order for me to have it, it must be made available to every other member, as members of these committees. I am willing to agree to have that happen and I will try to ride herd and hold a firm hand on the exercise of these powers. Senator Bourne, he is looking so serious. Almost made me lose my thought.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to listen to any objections that people may have to Senator Beutler's amendment. Then I would suggest that they apply those same objections to the Government Committee doing this. That will help in the analysis. If no justifiable reason can be found to resist the Government Committee being granted this power, no justifiable argument, in my view, can be found to resisting Senator Beutler's amendment that would extend it to all of the Standing Committees.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Before we move to the next speaker, Senator Schrock is pleased to announce he has the following guest visiting the Legislature this morning. It's Ron Woollen from Wilcox. He's seated underneath the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Further debate on the amendment? Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, I think I did explain the amendment. Maybe I should explain it one more time so that you can see it affects no other provision of the bill other than Section 4, and all it does in Section 4 is give the same power to other Standing Committees as does have the Government Committee insofar as it should be able to acquire the same things from the executive branch and the judicial branch, as can the Government Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 298. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote